

1 governor certainly could work with the department heads
2 in this unofficial and informal manner. He can advise
3 the governor as to how he thinks he could translate his
4 programs into legal legislation; but when it comes to an
5 official act in the State, that is where the attorney
6 general steps in, because the attorney general not only
7 represents the governor, or the executive department, but
8 he represents the legislature. So would you suggest the
9 legislature have their own lawyer and the judiciary have
10 their own lawyer?

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

12 DELEGATE HANSON: If you are asking me the
13 question, I would assume that the judiciary is amply popu-
14 lated with lawyers. As to the General Assembly, that might be
15 a good idea. But back to my question, which -- it resolves
16 around the question of a general counsel in a department, or
17 counsel in a department making a ruling, or the attorney
18 general making a ruling regarding the intent of the legis-
19 lature, or the manner in which regulations must be issued,
20 all the internal legal housekeeping that has to go on
21 in a governmental organization, in an administration,